

EPOD NEWS

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MAJOR'S CORNER



In this month's article, I would like to discuss three social issues that have recently caused a great deal of sadness and concern in the East Patrol Division. These three issues are mental health, domestic violence and chemical dependency. While I realize that such large social issues cannot be adequately addressed in

a short newsletter article, I do feel it is important that we at least begin the conversation and realize that without intervention and treatment horrific tragedies can occur.

During the last week of September, the Dayton Police Department's Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) responded to two separate residences in EPOD regarding domestic disputes where mental health and/or drug use were of issue. The presence of firearms at the homes, and in the hands of the subjects, added to the dangerous nature of the situation for everyone involved. While the first SWAT standoff ended in a peaceful manner with the individual surrendering, the second one ended in a totally opposite fashion.

During the early morning hours of September 30, 2013, officers from Dayton SWAT forced entry into the basement of a residence on Nordale Avenue and located the deceased body of a young woman on the dirt covered floor. A short distance away, the body of her boyfriend was found...he too was deceased.

I have observed a lot of death and sadness in my 21 years of law enforcement, but this scene unfortu-

nately ranks towards the top. While the investigation into the case continues, it appears that the mentally ill man took the life of this innocent mother of two young children, and then died by his own hand.

Domestic violence, chemical dependency and mental health issues have unfortunately become commonplace in today's society. While each issue in and of itself is challenging, when two or more are combined together, as in the case on Nordale Avenue, it can become a true recipe for disaster.

Many of us may have friends, relatives or neighbors who are suffering through these issues as we speak. Often times we prefer not to get involved in another individual's personal business, or ignore the behavior, thinking it will go away and everything will be fine. If this is your mindset, I'm asking you to reconsider.

If you are aware of a person that is in need of help, please enlist the assistance of community support organizations such as **The Artemis Center of Dayton**, www.artemiscenter.org, for victims of domestic violence or **The ADAMHS Board for Montgomery County**, www.adamhs.co.montgomery.oh.us, for mental health and drug addiction services. The Dayton Police Department is also here to assist in whatever way possible in dealing with these issues.

As shown in the cases above, it is far better to deal with these issues in their earlier stages, rather than waiting until they turn into a violent confrontation and the loss of precious human life occurs.

Thanks and take care,
Major Brian D. Johns

EPOD “Good Neighbor” Award— Mr. Chuck Crawford

The winner of this month’s “EPOD Good Neighbor Award” is Mr. Charles “Chuck” Crawford from EPOD South. Chuck is very active in the community and was the catalyst behind the recent forming of the East Dayton Neighborhood Beautification Team, also known as the “Graffiti Task Force.”

In being a good neighbor, Chuck on his own initiative (and own expense) was covering up unsightly graffiti in the Xenia Avenue area. Thanks to

our community partners at the East End Community Center, we chose to elaborate on Chuck’s idea and began to spread to other areas of East Dayton and Old North Dayton. The goal of the East Dayton Beautification Team is to cover up the unsightly graffiti that makes our neighborhoods look bad, and replace them with works of art.

Several recent news stories have been done on this effort, and two graffiti covered walls are in the process of being covered up

and replaced with beautiful murals. We are still in need of volunteers, artists and donated paint so if you can help out please call Amanda at East End (#937-259-1898).

Congratulations Chuck on winning the October 2013 EPOD Good Neighbor Award!

Thanks again to Esther Price Candies and Evans Bakery for providing the great prizes for this award. We couldn’t do it without you.

- Major Brian D. Johns

Lieutenant’s Link—Target Hardening Your Home from Burglary (Part 3 of 3)



In this month’s article we want to continue to look at what you can do to help prevent your home from being a target and creating a safe haven for you and your family. In the previous articles, we discussed creating an environment in and around our home where we feel safe. In this last article let’s talk about how we can partner with the Dayton Police Department to help safeguard our property.

One of the projects we have worked on with our area neighborhoods and business associ-

ations is **Operation Identification**. This project was designed as a low cost, easy to use project to mark items such as flat screen televisions, computers, electronics, tools, and etc. If that item is stolen, the program assists our department to detect, identify and return stolen or lost property to its rightful owner.

Operation Identification uses ultra-violet markers to mark property. It goes on wet then is nearly invisible when it dries, but can be seen clearly with an ultra-violet light. We have instructed people to use their Driver’s License number or State Identification number and list those numbers of the electronic equipment. This number will allow Law Enforcement to directly link the property to your infor-

mation. Once you have marked your property, everyone needs to inventory their valuables. Probably the easiest way to accomplish this is to take your camera phone and photograph your property and its serial numbers. No one leaves home without their phone, so your information is always with you if there was a break-in. One of the best ways to assist us is by listing your valuables on **Leadsonline Report It**. This is a national data base, which is free to the residents of Dayton. Since we are very proactive monitoring our known offenders, we have found they will go outside the area to sell stolen items. To date, we have recovered stolen property as far away as Kentucky. The Operation Identification program also offers "Burglary Deterrent" stickers to place on the front and back door of your home to ward off potential thieves.

In the end, it's all about working together, exchanging information and keeping the lines of communication open, so we all know what's going on in your neighborhood. When we have your help keeping a look out in your neighborhood, it enables us to focus on our resources to address your concerns.

This was one of the reasons for creating the **Community Police Response Team (C.P.R.T.)**. The C.P.R.T. is not just another task force designed to simply arrest people, but they are here to address Crime Pattern Alerts, Hotspots, and any concerns of the community. If you have been to a neighborhood meeting in the past two months, they have been present. The last thing we want is to see a neighborhood left unat-

tended. Once a neighborhood appears that no one cares for it, that's when the criminal element steps in. Sometimes, that's why we get these crime hotspots, such as theft from motor vehicles. When people are not calling in or the suspect believes no one is paying attention to things going on, then we begin to see a series of vehicle break-ins in the same area. Our job, when we see these events occurring is to let the citizens know so we can work together to address the problem. The only way for all of us to stay on top of crime issues in our area is to work together.

As always, Stay Safe, and Stay in Touch
Lt. Booher



EPOD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

NATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY—OCTOBER 9



Every year the Neighborhood School Centers participate in the National Walk to School Day event. Why a Walk to School Day? Researchers estimate while more than two-thirds of all children walked or biked to school as little as thirty years ago, that number has now plummeted to less than ten percent. Yet a new movement is emerging that is focusing on getting kids back on their feet and back on their bikes. Neighborhood groups, traffic engineers and local officials are working together to make streets safer for pedestrians and bicyclists along school routes, while encouraging both parents and their kids to take advantage of the many benefits of getting around on foot or by bike (<http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/program-tools/2002-summary-safe-routes-school-programs-united-states>). This year's event was held on Wednesday, October 9th. Ruskin PK-8 added

a third location this year for parents and students to meet up and receive a t-shirt, hat, and Ruskin bag from volunteers. Kiser School in Old North Dayton also held a successful event featuring 127 walkers, 2 bicyclists, 1 skate boarder, and 32 parents! "There is no better way to encourage students and their families to engage in a lifetime of healthy activities than giving them the experience of walking and biking to school," said Lauren Marchetti, director of the National Center for Safe Routes to School, which serves as the coordinating agency for the event. "Walk to School Day is often the first step in motivating children to make safe, healthy choices." Not only is walking to school beneficial to the students' health, but it is also part of a healthy neighborhood. Despite a dark and cold morning, Ruskin youth, parents and teachers formed a Walking School Bus ready to take off from East End Community Center on Xenia.

TRUNK OR TREAT — CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED

The annual Trunk or Treat will be Thursday, October 24th, from 6-8pm and they are in need of CANDY! This event provides Cleveland PreK-6 students with a safe environment to trick-or-treat and show off their costumes. The candy provided through donations will be passed out by volunteers from the community to the Cleveland students in attendance. **Last year they had over 600 in attendance. There were roughly 25 cars passing out candy, which means they gave away over 15,000 pieces of candy!** Any type of sealed candy donation will be appreciated. If your organization would like to have their own car at Trunk or Treat, please let us know! We would be happy to have you!

Contact Neighborhood School Center, YMCA Site Coordinator, Mary Case for more information, to volunteer or to drop off donations! [\(937\) 474-2091](tel:9374742091) OR MCCase@dps.k12.oh.us



EPOD DETECTIVE SPOTLIGHT—SGT. MONICA EVANS



This month, instead of highlighting two street officers from EPOD, we decided to shake things up and highlight one of the EPOD Detectives. The EPOD Detective unit consists of seven detectives, two crime prevention officers, and is led by Detective Sergeant Monica Evans.

Sgt. Monica Evans grew up in the Dayton area and began her police career 14 years ago as a member of

90th recruit class. Sgt. Evans decided to pursue a law enforcement career in lieu of a military career after she was approached by Dayton Airport Officer Luke Baxter and told of an upcoming civil service exam. At the time she was taking a year off school to figure out what she wanted to pursue and was working three jobs! When she heard about the exam, she thought a police career sounded right up her alley.

During Sgt. Evans tenure as a street officer, Evans had the opportunity to work both sides of the city before coming home to the east side as a sergeant. Evans also spent time in dispatch and did a stint in the Special Victim's Unit while on light duty. In addition to being selected for special assignments and positions including decoy operations, the Crisis Intervention Team, Peer Support, and Honor Guard, Sgt. Evans has received numerous written commendations as well as a Departmental Citation for her part in the apprehension of a bank robber.

I asked Evans what her funniest memory was from working the street. She replied with the following story, "Within my first 5 years, I was out patrolling the Second District when I was dispatched on an animal complaint. The guys on my squad didn't quite believe when they first heard me on the radio asking for additional crews to help in my pursuit of a pig. Good ole Pork Chop, the very large pet of a Frank Street resident, broke free of his fenced in yard and was running amok, striking fear in the hearts of neighbors. It took me and 2 of my co-workers about 30 minutes before we finally got Pork Chop wrangled and back in his yard."

In Spring 2011, Sgt Evans was promoted from a street officer to a sergeant. She was assigned to the 210 squad and be-

came one of my supervisors. My first memory and probably my favorite of Sgt. Evans was when I had a verbally combative domestic violence suspect under arrest on Wayne Avenue. The subject was belligerently yelling and cursing at me while accusing me that I was only arresting him because I "was one of those females on a power trip." He demanded to speak with a "white shirt," or otherwise known as a supervisor. Little did he know that sergeants' uniforms had changed to the same color as the officers' uniforms, but with their assigned chevron stripes, nor did he realize my supervisor was also a female officer. Sgt. Evans was informed of the situation and responded. The sight of another female officer threw the subject into a tizzy and he continued his rude and disorderly behavior while demanding "the white shirt." Sgt. Evans simply pointed to her chevrons and said, "Sir, I don't need a white shirt, I've got stripes." The man was so dumbfounded as to what that meant that he ceased his behavior and was taken to jail.

I inquired what she is most thankful of from her experience as a police officer. Sgt. Evans smiled and said she is most thankful to have met her husband, Officer Eddie Evans while on the job. They have been married 9 years and now have three beautiful children. She then said her favorite part of being a police officer is the large extended family she has acquired. She stated, "It's like I've gained 100s of brothers and sisters." During her time off, Sgt. Evans can be found with her family travelling and exploring. She also enjoys attending her kid's functions and baking sweet treats.

My final question for Sgt. Evans while I had her on the spotlight was if she had any shout outs she wanted to make or advice she'd like to offer. She replied, "I want to say thanks to my class counselor, Officer Joe Saluke. He was a great source of support and advice while in the academy. He has always been full of sage advice. He is a great role model for all officers. He truly cares about the citizens and does everything he can to make things better for them and his fellow officers." And in regards to the younger officers she said, "don't let the negative things you may see or experience mold your career. It will make you bitter and you'll lose your passion. Just do the best you can do at all times and stay safe. Make sure you do everything in your power to go home to your family every night."

- Det. Danielle Cash

MONTHLY CRIME PREVENTION TIP—AUTO THEFT

We all rely on our vehicle for any number of reasons, many of which would effect our families greatly if it were suddenly gone. Given the dropping temperatures around the corner, and knowing that vehicle thefts increase because of them, we thought it imperative to provide you with a few reminders when it comes to your cars.

1. Lock all your doors and shut your windows when your vehicle is parked and unattended.
2. Park in busy well lit areas where your vehicle will not be isolated and out of eyesight.
3. If you have a garage use it, but don't forget to still lock your vehicle and your garage.
4. NEVER leave your keys inside your vehicle. Keep a spare in your purse, wallet, or somewhere hidden in your home.
5. NEVER leave your vehicle running unattended even when it's cold and needs to warm up. Consider getting a remote start if you wish for your car to be warm when you get in.
6. NEVER leave your vehicle running unattended even if you plan to be inside somewhere for only a few seconds. Remember that vehicles are commonly taken in front of convenience stores and gas stations while the owner just runs inside.
7. Don't leave your keys unattended in public places such as bars or social events like parties. Often times vehicles are taken by acquaintances when we've let our guards down. Remember just because they're a friend of a friend, does not mean they are a friend of yours.
8. Get all the facts before lending your car to a family member or friend.
9. Be alert when you approach and leave your vehicle. Look around to see who is out watching and have your keys in hand.
10. Consider installing an alarm and/or other theft prevention devices such as tracking devices, wheel locks, kill switches, floorboard locks, gear shift locks, hood locks, and armored collars. When you have two or more prevention methods the risk of your vehicle being taken dramatically decreases.

TRICK OR TREAT SAFETY TIPS

FOR THE BEGGARS:

1. Plan a route in advance.
2. Wear comfortable and properly fitted attire, so as to not hinder vision or cause stumbling.
3. Wear reflective costume pieces or attach reflective tape to the costume and treat bag.
4. Don't trick or treat alone. Walk in groups and with a trusted adult.
5. Only go to houses that are well lit and have the porch light on.
6. Walk from house to house. Don't run.
7. Keep to the same side of the street rather than staggering across the street.

8. Look both ways when crossing a street and use crosswalks wherever possible.

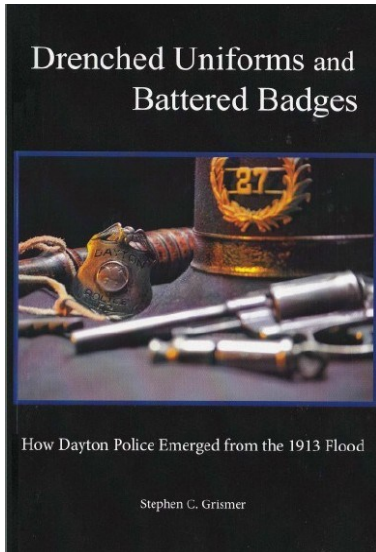
9. Walk on sidewalks when possible.

10. Have a flashlight to illuminate you and your path,

FOR THE ADULTS

1. Watch for children while driving.
2. Parents inspect treats for choking hazards or tampering.
3. Don't allow your children to eat homemade treats from strangers.
4. Keep candlelit jack o'lanterns & other illuminaries away from doorsteps, walkways, and landings where they can be accessed by pets or beggars.

DRENCHED UNIFORMS & BATTERED BADGES



Drenched Uniforms and Battered Badges, the story of the Dayton police force and the 1913 Flood, is now available online at www.CreateSpace.com/4308551 or by going to www.Amazon.com [search by book title]. The color edition of the book is **\$19.95** (+ shipping & handling). A **black & white** edition of the book is also available online for **\$12.95** (+ shipping & handling) at www.CreateSpace.com/4378543 and on Amazon. *Royalties from online sales goes directly to DPH Foundation, Inc.*

This commemorative paperback book - written for the 100th anniversary of the Great Flood - is 114 pages in length and includes more than 70 flood and Dayton police pictures, photographs of 25 Dayton patrolmen and unique images of police artifacts from the period. The book is now printed in South Carolina and is slightly thinner than the original (having to do with the grade of paper) but, as an enhancement to buyers, several more pages, 12 more pictures and a postscript on Gamewell patrol call box system have been added as features to the newer version of the book.

Drenched Uniforms and Battered Badges recounts the role of Dayton police during Ohio's Great Flood of 1913 and how the police force emerged from the catastrophe. This book describes the efforts of the 136 patrolmen who sacrificed a great deal to aid and save the

citizens of Dayton. Many acted on their own instincts in the first few days because they were in the field without lines of communication, transportation or supervision. The story also describes the measures taken by police - as well as firemen, civilian guards and the military - to safeguard the city at the time of its greatest natural disaster. The account begins with the development of local police service in the closing decades of the 19th century leading into 1913. It concludes by relating how the Great Flood became a transformative event for the city of Dayton while ushering in profound changes for local law enforcement over the course of the following decade.

Drenched Uniforms and Battered Badges is being sold locally for **\$19.95** at the following locations: **Boonshoft Museum**, **University of Dayton campus bookstore**, **Carillon Historical Park gift shop**, and **U.D. Flyer Spirit gift shop** at 1200 Brown Street. Proceeds are shared between these outlets and Dayton Police History Foundation, Inc., a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the preservation of local law enforcement history.

info@Dayton>PoliceHistory.org or DPHFoudation@woh.rr.com

ONLINE DO IT YOURSELF PROPERTY REGISTRATION—"REPORT IT"

Knowing what you own and recording the identification numbers of your property could mean the difference between recovering or not recovering stolen property. There's now an easy do it yourself service through Leads Online that's available to the citizens of Dayton, Ohio. You may store serial numbers, item descriptions, pictures, and scans of receipts so that your items may be more easily identified in the event of theft or loss.

Just Go to reportit.leadsonline.com and get started recording your property today!

After you register your property, you will be able to access it anywhere. Don't worry, this service is safe and secure. Nobody else can access your information, even law enforcement. In the event you become a victim of theft, just log into your account and get the information you need. This record may also come in handy when reporting any loss to your insurance provider in the case of theft, fire, flood or any other tragedy.

If you're a business owner, don't feel left out! Report It also has features for corporate accounts to inventory tools, equipment, supplies, etc... For information on what's available for corporate accounts, Please Call 1-800-311-2656.

EPOD KEY ARRESTS

1316 Wyoming Street – On September 12, 2013, at approximately 5:42 PM, Kwik-N-Kold was the victim of a Robbery. Jason Deckard assaulted the clerk after trying to take several items without paying for them. When Deckard was confronted by the employee, he punched the clerk in the head, knocking him to the ground. Deckard continued to assault the victim while on the ground. The victim suffered several injuries but declined medical treatment. Officers were able to locate the suspect and arrest him. As the suspect was being interviewed by detectives, he became very agitated and pushed the detective. Deckard was eventually transported to the Montgomery County Jail.



301 South Smithville Road – On Thursday, September 26, 2013, at 9:42 pm, William Wintermute was arrested for Felonious Assault, Menacing, Robbery, and Resisting Arrest. During the incident, Wintermute began ramming the victim's vehicle in an attempt to push the vehicle, with the victim inside, into an intersection. Wintermute was stopped by officers, where he then tried to grab the officer's taser from his holster. Officers were able to subdue Wintermute and placed him under arrest.

49 Kelly Avenue – Between 2:37 AM and 2:47 AM on September 12, 2013, Frito-Lay was the victim of a Breaking and Entering. The suspect, Thomas Offinger, entered the property and took 15.2 pounds of assorted snacks. Several employees witnessed the incident and knew the suspect from prior offenses. Officers located Offinger and he was arrested.



253 North Smithville Road – On September 20, 2013, at 11:15 AM, a citizen was the victim of a Burglary. Sarah McKnight entered the victim's residence and took a Dish satellite receiver. A neighbor witnessed McKnight enter the residence and called police. Officers located McKnight and arrested her.

2119 Pompano Circle – Between 6:00 PM on September 21, 2013, and 9:30 AM on September 22, 2013, a citizen was the victim of a Theft from Motor Vehicle. An unknown person entered the victim's vehicle and took four chrome wheels, two small car speakers, boxing gloves signed by Floyd Mayweather, a black gym bag with thunder stick on side, a pair of boxing shoes signed by Floyd Mayweather, a Pioneer car stereo, and a Pioneer car stereo amp. Riverside Police Officers located the chrome wheels and returned them to the victim. A witness saw Christopher Decker with the wheels.



EAST PATROL OPERATIONS

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Dayton Ohio 45404
937-333-1290
Fax : 937-333-2371

EPOD South
2721 Wayne Avenue
Dayton Ohio 45420
937-333-7440
Fax : 937-333-7385

Emergency 911
Dispatch 937-225-4357
937-333-COPS (2677)

CHECK OUT THE CITY OF
DAYTON'S FACEBOOK PAGE

[HTTPS://
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/
CITYOFDAYTON](https://www.facebook.com/cityofdayton)

CITIZEN SAFETY TOOLBOX

Have you checked out the citizen toolbox available on the city website? The Citizen Safety Toolbox has several key features including crime mapping, bicycle and alarm registration, report filing, and submitting anonymous tips. To access the toolbox simply go to the Dayton Police webpage on the city website or go to the following link:

<http://www.daytonohiopolice.com>



OPERATION IDENTIFICATION

For More Information on Operation Identification, or to get on board with the program, Contact Officer Patterson at 333-7430 or Officer Grieshop at 333-2387 for more details.



NIXLE

To Receive text message or email alerts about crime in your area, sign up for the free Nixle service at www.nixle.com

RIGHT OF ENTRY



All City of Dayton
Police Officers are
authorized to advise any
person to leave these premises.

Failure to leave the premises
after being instructed may
result in an arrest for trespass
after being warned.

In an effort to work with the community to address quality of life issues, the Dayton Police Department has established a procedure to enable police officers to work with business, rental, and vacant property owners to enforce Criminal Trespassing laws.

Every business and rental property owner that participates in the ROE Program will complete a Right of Entry Agreement. Upon entry into the program, ROE stickers will be visible on the property to inform officers that a current Right of Entry Agreement is on file. The stickers also deter potential trespassers and minimize the threat of criminal activity due to the property owner's partnership with the department.

For more information on the program or to become part of the program, please contact your district crime prevention officer.